

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

TOBY J. MASSE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MAGGIE MILLER-STOUT, YSIDRO
BECERRA, JAMES WATKINS, LARRY
JENKINS, and GREGORY STARR,

Defendants.

NO. CV-10-065-EFS

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART
DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
VACATE SCHEDULING ORDER**

Before the Court, without oral argument, is Defendants' Motion to Vacate Scheduling Order, ECF No. [34](#). Defendants seek relief from deadlines in the Court's November 19, 2010 Scheduling Order until after the Court addresses Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. [20](#). The Court granted Defendants' Motion to Expedite Hearing of Defendants' Motion to Vacate Scheduling Order, ECF No. [38](#), requiring Plaintiff Toby J. Masse to respond no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2011, and resetting the hearing date for Defendants' Motion to Vacate Scheduling Order to August 26, 2011. ECF No. 39. Plaintiff has not responded. For the reasons discussed below, the Court grants in part Defendants' motion.

Defendants moved for summary judgment on May 26, 2011, with hearing set for July 15, 2011. ECF Nos. [20](#) & [28](#). Under Local Rule (LR) 7.1(c)(1), Mr. Masse, who is proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, ECF

1 No. [3](#), had thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of the Certificate
2 of Service to respond to Defendants' summary judgment motion. Mr. Masse
3 did not respond. On August 8, 2011, the Court provided Mr. Masse with
4 a *Klinge*le advisory¹, extended Mr. Masse's response deadline to September
5 7, 2011, and reset the hearing date to October 12, 2011. ECF No. [33](#).
6 Because of this unanticipated delay, Defendants seek relief from
7 deadlines for filing pretrial documents until after the Court has
8 addressed Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment. The Court finds good
9 cause to suspend deadlines in the Scheduling Order and grants in part
10 Defendants' motion.

11 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

12 1. Defendants' Motion to Vacate Scheduling Order, ECF No. [34](#), is
13 **GRANTED IN PART.** The Court will **hold all deadlines contained in the**
14 **Scheduling Order, with the exception of the trial date, in abeyance**
15 **pending the resolution of Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment,** ECF
16 No. [20](#).

17 2. **NOTICE - WARNING:** Because Mr. Masse is proceeding *pro se* in
18 this matter, the Court forgave his earlier failure to respond to
19 Defendants' motion, reset the hearing date for Defendants' motion, and
20 provided Mr. Masse with a *Klinge*le advisory. ECF No. [33](#). **Mr. Masse is**
21 **required to respond to Defendants' motion by September 7, 2011, or he**
22 **risks dismissal of his case.** Under Local Rule 56.1(d), if a party fails
23 to respond to another party's motion for summary judgment, the Court may
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26 ¹ See *Klinge*le v. *Eikenberry*, 849 F.2d 409, 411 (9th Cir. 1988);
Rand v. *Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 962 (9th Cir. 1998).

1 assume that the facts as claimed by the moving party are admitted to
2 exist without controversy.

3 If Mr. Masse fails to respond to Defendants' motion by September 7,
4 2011, the Court will accelerate hearing on Defendants' Motion for Summary
5 Judgment, and will address the merits of Defendants' motion without oral
6 argument on September 8, 2011.

7 3. Mr. Masse is further advised that all parties, whether or not
8 represented by an attorney, are responsible for following the
9 requirements set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the
10 Local Rules. Please take special note of Local Rule 5.1 regarding
11 service and filing of pleadings, Local Rule 7.1 regarding motion
12 practice, especially subsections (f) through (h), and Local Rule 56.1
13 regarding summary judgment.

14 IT IS SO ORDERED. The District Court Executive is directed to file
15 this Order and provide copies of this Order to Mr. Masse and counsel.

16 DATED this 26th day of August 2011.

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United States District Judge

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